



Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children at Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America

Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children (TSRHC) was notably present at this year's Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA) annual meeting April 29 - May 2, 2009 in Boston, Massachusetts. For the past 25 years, POSNA, a group of professionals comprised mostly of board certified pediatric orthopaedic surgeons, has been internationally recognized and committed to the care and treatment of children with orthopaedic conditions and musculoskeletal health.

Not only did a number of TSRHC physicians and staff attend, present and moderate at the meeting, but also Dr. Steve Richards, assistant chief of staff at TSRHC, was recognized for his outstanding service as POSNA president, a position he held for the past year. TSRHC's Chief of Staff Dr. Tony Herring also had the distinguished honor of being the meeting's Presidential Speaker.

In addition, Dr. Harry Kim, director of the Sarah M. and Charles E. Seay Center for Musculoskeletal Research at TSRHC, won "Outstanding Basic Scientific Paper." Dr. Kim authored the paper titled "Epiphyseal Cartilage Plays an Important Role in Revascularization of the Femoral Head Following Ischemic Osteonecrosis," prior to joining the TSRHC team this year.

Dr. John Birch, assistant chief of staff and medical director of ambulatory care at TSRHC, won "Outstanding Clinical Scientific Paper" with his paper titled "Limb Salvage Reconstruction or Amputation for Severe Fibular Deficiency: A Two-Center Comparison of Psychosocial Adjustment, Quality of Life, Patient Satisfaction and Physical Function." The clinical paper compares the Center for Excellence in Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction at TSRHC with the center at the Rubin Institute for Advanced Orthopedics in Baltimore, Maryland. The TSRHC investigators who contributed to this paper are Anne Morton, Ph.D., Russ Riddle, M.S., Don Cummings C.P., Kirsten Tulchin, M.S., Charles Johnston, M.D., Tony Herring, M.D., and John Birch, M.D.